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MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS

Novel Coronavirus in Saudi Arabia

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According to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), two cases of an acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus have been reported among patients who recently traveled to Saudi Arabia. A notice about the novel coronavirus in Saudi Arabia and Qatar has been posted on the CDC Travelers' Health website at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/in-the-news/coronavirus-saudi-arabia-qatar.htm>. The linked page contains more detailed information about the new coronavirus, tips for travelers, and useful links to other sources of information. The CDC's Hajj page can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/features/Hajj/index.html>. Hajj visitors are encouraged to review the State Department's [2012 Hajj Fact Sheet](http://travel.state.gov) at <http://travel.state.gov>.

At this time, CDC does not recommend that travelers change their travel plans to or from Saudi Arabia.

U.S. citizens are reminded to keep their registration up-to-date. Please visit this link for info for information on the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): <https://step.state.gov>

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